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August 16, 2011

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary
445-12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Universal Service Certification
47USC 254(e); 47 CFR SECTION 54.314

Dear Madam Secretary:

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, adopting Rural Task Force's proposed framework for rural high cost reform. In its Order, the FCC concluded that the mandate in section 254(e) that universal service support be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended" applies to all carriers, rural and non-rural, that are designated as eligible to receive support under section 214(e) of the Act. Accordingly, the FCC's Order requires states that wish to receive federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers within their boundaries to file a certification with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) stating that federal high-cost funds flowing to rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e). Absent such certification, carriers will not receive such support. The FCC's Order requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1, 2001, and October 1 of each subsequent year.

In Administrative Session on August 16, 2011, the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) approved certification that the attached list of Georgia rural local exchange carriers will be using support received under section 214(e) consistent with the requirements of section 254(e) and are therefore eligible to continue to receive support under section

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214(e) of the Act. The appropriate certification is also being conveyed to the Universal Service Administrative Company.

The Georgia Public Service Commission respectfully submits this certification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Wise", is written over the printed name.

Stan Wise
Chairman
Georgia Public Service Commission

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Attachment

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Georgia Rural Local Exchange Carriers
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- (a) Alma Telephone Company, Inc.
- (b) Blue Ridge Telephone Company
- (c) Brantley Telephone Company, Inc.
- (d) Bulloch County Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
- (e) Camden Telephone & Telegraph Co., Inc.
- (f) Chickamauga Telephone Corporation
- (g) Citizens Telephone Company, Inc.
- (h) Coastal Utilities, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
- (i) ComSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
- (j) Darien Telephone Company, Inc.
- (k) Ellijay Telephone Company
- (l) Frontier Communications of Fairmount, LLC.
- (m) Frontier Communications of Georgia, LLC
- (n) Georgia Windstream, LLC
- (o) Glenwood Telephone Company
- (p) GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications
- (q) Hart Telephone Company
- (r) Knology of the Valley, Inc. f/k/a Interstate Telephone Company
- (s) Nelson Ball Ground Telephone Company
- (t) Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc.
- (u) Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
- (v) Plant Telephone Company
- (w) Planters Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
- (x) Progressive Rural Telephone Co-op, Inc.
- (y) Public Service Telephone Company
- (z) Quincy Telephone Company
- (aa) Ringgold Telephone Company
- (bb) Trenton Telephone Company
- (cc) Waverly Hall Telephone, LLC
- (dd) Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company
- (ee) Windstream Accucomm Telecommunications, LLC
- (ff) Windstream Georgia Communications LLC.
- (gg) Windstream Georgia, LLC
- (hh) Windstream Georgia Telephone, LLC
- (ii) Windstream Standard, LLC

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1. Alltel Communications, LLC dba Verizon Wireless
2. Allied Wireless Communications Corporation
3. Cox Georgia Telcom, LLC d/b/a Cox Communications
4. Georgia RSA #8 Limited Partnership
5. Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
6. TracFone Wireless, Inc. ***
7. Nexus Communications, Inc. ***
8. Virgin Mobile USA, LP ***
9. Global Connection ***

***Tracfone Wireless, Nexus Communications, Virgin Mobile USA, LP, and Global Connection are not seeking high-cost support, only low-income (Lifeline) support. The other carriers (Nos. 1 through 5) are seeking both high-cost and low-income support.